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SUBJECT: OMEGA AUSTRALIA NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: (A) STATE 298963 (DTG 082336Z DEC 76)

(B) CANBERRA 8868 (DTG 090400Z DEC 76)

1. WE RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND POINTS MADE REF B
CONCERNING RECIPROCITY AND OBLIGATION. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE
VALIDITY OF POINTS MADE PARA 2 REF B, AND AGREE THAT A
FORMULA WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE US TO CONSULT WITH GOA WOULD
DO LESS HARM TO US POSITION IN THIS AREA THAN FORMULA
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PROPOSED. HOWEVER, IN BROADER CONTEXT OF WORLD-WIDE

AGREEMENTS, WE BELIEVE THAT NEED FOR ELEMENT OF RECIPROCITY IS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO ACCEPT THE OBLIGATION TO CONSULT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION REQUIRING TEMPORARY CESSATION OF THE FACILITY OPERATION. IN ESSENCE, WE FEEL THAT WHILE ANY REFERENCE TO A RIGHT TO TERMINATE THE OPERATIONS OF THE STATION UNILATERALLY (WITH OR WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS) WOULD BEST BE AVOIDED ENTIRELY, WE CAN GRUDGINGLY GO ALONG WITH SUCH A FORMULATION, IF AND ONLY IF THAT RIGHT IS SPECIFICALLY VESTED IN BOTH PARTIES. SINCE THE PROPOSED WORDING OF PARA 6 IN REF A, PARA (1)D AND IN REF B, PARA 3, OPTION B IMPLIES SUCH A RIGHT, IT IS NECESSARY TO SPECIFY THAT BOTH

PARTIES HAVE IT.

2. THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR PARA 6 SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THAT OFFERED REF A AND REF B.

QUOTE: PARA 6. ON THE COMPLETION OF THE FACILITY, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BEGINNING THE REGULAR TRANSMISSION OF SIGNALS BY THE FACILITY AS A PART OF THE WORLDWIDE OMEGA SYSTEM. THE AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS SHALL USE THEIR BEST ENDEAVOURS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FACILITIES IN PHASE WITH THE WORLD-WIDE OMEGA SYSTEM AND AGREE TO CONSULT URGENTLY IF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION SHOULD REQUIRE A FACILITY UNDER THEIR CONTROL TO CEASE OPERATION TEMPORARILY.
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